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SUMMARY: UTILITY has categorically repudiated the LCFLUTTER technique, and in the specific case of OFCZAREK, has from the outset placed no credence in the unsatisfactory findings of the test. No action whatsoever was proposed or even contemplated by ZIPPER, for quite other reasons (lack of full-time work for BV 3), it is now planned to transfer OFCZAREK - at his own request - to the position of CI/CE deputy of OV C. POB staff favors this, as it will tend to restrict OFCZAREK to support of operations about which we are informed. There are a few points in the report of LCFLUTTER test about BV 3 operations which are inaccurate or misleading, and it is suspected that [redacted] statements regarding OFCZAREK's Nazi Party record are not correct. Documentary records of OFCZAREK's NADAP record are being sought. [redacted] who is acquainted in some measure with the FOMBER/VERNER case, does not believe that OFCZAREK is concealing any pertinent information regarding it, and the interrogation of FOMBER and VERNER certainly does not implicate OFCZAREK in any but a most peripheral manner, in that he was evidently mentioned to FOMBER by Willi KOSTEL. Research of the security cases against Dr. Kurt FOMBER and Dr. Kurt KNOLL, supposed communist agents, with whom OFCZAREK is allegedly collaborating, has shown that both cases are open to question, with no really firm evidence (although there are grounds for suspicion), and has also demonstrated that all reports stem from the same sources, and have reached U.S. authorities primarily through JACOBS-BARR and Willi KOSTEL, neither of whom could be characterized as impartial in the question of OFCZAREK. Since it has also been found that the reports about FOMBER and KNOLL invariably stress the alleged ties of these two to OFCZAREK, rather than confining themselves to reporting of evidence bolstering the security cases against either FOMBER or KNOLL, it is presented as a possibility that OFCZAREK is at least partly the subject of a denunciation campaign. In the opinion of LCFLUTTER operators with whom OFCZAREK's test was discussed, retest on LCFLUTTER could only be remunerative if we could produce evidence of a blatant lie by OFCZAREK, but our investigation to date has convinced us that the possibility of our finding such evidence is unlikely in the extreme. Since UTILITY

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will never permit a re-test anyway, and adheres to OFCZAREK, we must regard the case as at best dormant, and content ourselves with favoring OFCZAREK with such close attention as is possible under the circumstances peculiar to the FOB-ZIPPER relationship.

1. Although first reference, reporting UTILITY's categorical repudiation (nicely encouraged by BROADWAY) of the LCPUTTER technique, with his concomitant statement that all such tests administered to ZIPPERites are regarded as null and void, answers rather explicitly the question you raised in second reference, we had already prepared comments to the specific case of Subject (third reference) which, because they do clarify (or rectify) certain points in [] report, we forward for the record.

2. UTILITY was informed almost immediately in general terms of the results of Subject test, and of course also had a report, probably including the exact questions asked, from OFCZAREK. Presumably OFCZAREK provided both UTILITY and O KLAUSNER with an explanation of varied points raised in the test, but we have not been apprised of such explanation. Nor do we know whether OFCZAREK was able to identify, from his own physical sensations, those questions which we regard as unsatisfactorily answered.

3. ZIPPER's basic reaction has been to credit us with foul play. They have accused us of utilizing the denunciation technique, and stress that we deny Dr. Wilhelm HOSTEL as utterly unreliable, on the one hand, and apparently accept HOSTEL's charges against OCHANEK on the other. We are scarcely in a position to inform ZIPPER that these charges against OFCZAREK were levied by OROSCBANN long before Bill HOSTEL began to spread them, and, at the time of the test, that it actually appeared that charges of collaboration by OFCZAREK with highly suspect individuals were confirmed by several sources. (HOSTEL has in fact contributed nothing new to these charges; it is evident that he has obtained, perhaps through Anton BOER, or perhaps from Anton FELLNER or Dr. Fritz VAN TONGEL, the identical reports submitted by OROSCBANN nearly two years earlier.) O KLAUSNER was visibly startled, it is true, to learn that OFCZAREK admitted further use of Dr. Kurt SCHULZ during the test, since the charges of collaboration between OFCZAREK and KLAUSNER and Dr. Kurt SCHULZ, Jr., had been discussed with O KLAUSNER during the summer of 1952, and it would appear O KLAUSNER told OFCZAREK to drop both. This matter slowed down O KLAUSNER's objections to the questions posed, but he is still quite indignant about the whole affair. One could scarcely anticipate any other reaction from O KLAUSNER, however, since he and OFCZAREK are close personal friends, attended the University of VIENNA together (HOSTEL was in the same class, too), and he has definitely sponsored OFCZAREK through the painful history of ZIPPER in Austria. Another interesting sidelight to the case is UTILITY's initial statement that he did not trust OFCZAREK more than 50% in any case, but that this was sufficient for UTILITY's purposes.

4. There is a plan in embryonic stage to change OFCZAREK's assignment, but this has arisen from OFCZAREK's own discontent with his current job. In fact, NY 6 is not overloaded with work, and is in any case prohibited from any CE activities other than routine police, neighborhood, and surveillance checks of specified individuals, about whose connections to ZIPPER or to active cases

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BV 5 is usually not informed. OFCZAREK has therefore proposed that he become CI/CZ Officer of CV C, and W KLAUERN has informed us that this change will probably be made, but not until the whole question of BV 5 is resolved. (ZIPPER is toying with the idea of making all BV " subordinate to CV C, but fears this will reduce the objectivity of the group in providing CI/CZ protection for operations of other groups in Austria, and also fears other groups will be even less ready to reveal their operations in Austria to the BV " group if it is subordinate, in a sense, to a competitive ZIPPER operational group. We plan to discuss this proposal, when it reaches the discussion stage, only in the framework of the entire question of ZIPPER operations in Austria, as we have no desire to re-create, albeit accidentally, a CV A in the course of directing CV C's efforts almost entirely into Austria.)

5. With regard to the questions asked on the test:

a. [] states that OFCZAREK is running some agents in the satellites, "notably a customs official in Hungary and an official of the Ministry of Interior in Yugoslavia" (para. 2, third reference). This statement we believe to be based on some misunderstanding on [] part. OFCZAREK has been specifically queried on this point, and denies that such informants exist; certainly the BV " reports we receive (ostensibly representing the total output of BV 5) do not reflect such contacts. OFCZAREK does run an Austrian border official, V-707, who occasionally accompanies trains from Austria to MUKTSVALOV, immediately across the border in Hungary, from whom a tid-bit or two concerning trains or equipment seen in the RA station have been received. As to the Yugoslav "operation", V-5472 has a relative who works in what OFCZAREK describes as the "Office of the Ministry of Interior in LAIBACH", and it is considered possible to achieve contact should this be desired. OFCZAREK denies that any action has been taken in this direction as yet.

b. If [] report of OFCZAREK's Nazi Party record is accurate, then OFCZAREK's disavowal during the test may well be explainable on this point alone. According to all our records, OFCZAREK was a member of the Fatherland Front (clericalist-dominated pre-Anschluss fascist ruling group in Austria), and did not become a member of the NSDAP until 1 May 1938. He was taken prisoner by U.S. forces at the end of the war, but released almost immediately (6 June 1945) by VI Corps Artillery. (He may have posed as a line officer - first lieutenant - and concealed his Abswehr affiliation to secure his release.) He was denazified under Austrian law (decree dated 5 September 1947) as "not subject (nicht betroffen) to the Austrian Prohibition Law" - the law which covers illegal activity on behalf of the party, i.e., membership in the NSDAP prior to 13 March 1938. He also claims "nominal" membership in the SS, in that he applied for membership between 1938 and 1940, but was never transferred to the SS, and served the entire war as a member of the German Army. Clearly, if OFCZAREK "joined the Nazi Party in Austria in 1935, and was obviously quite active in the party, prior to the Anschluss as well as after", as [] states, then he has perpetrated fraud in securing denazification, and his entire legal position in Austria is based on quicksand. We have initiated appropriate checks (including DEBENIGG-COM-1) regarding OFCZAREK's Nazi history, but off-hand are inclined to think [] version inaccurate, if only because OFCZAREK would probably not make so damaging an

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admission to an American official.

6. Regarding OPCZANEK's involvement in, or knowledge of the POMMER/VERBER Case, [] version contains minor inaccuracies. OPCZANEK maintains he first heard of POMMER following a chance meeting with Dr. Willi HORTTL at the Austrian border-crossing point on the MUNICH Autobahn on 21 October 1952. HORTTL did not introduce his American friends to OPCZANEK, but merely indicated that he was just returning from a trip to STUTTGART; the conversation then turned to the perennial question of the possibility of finding HORTTL a job with ZIPFER. OPCZANEK watched HORTTL drive away in a Volkswagen with two companions, noted the license number, and returned to the border station (where he obviously is well-acquainted) to check the ledger maintained there of private citizens crossing the border. From this ledger he copied out the names Walter LAUBER and Kurt P. AGER (the latter entry being illegible) with the correct address of each. OPCZANEK states he did this because he was interested in anyone associating with HORTTL, and because he was certain that these people were acquaintances of HORTTL, since OPCZANEK believes HORTTL is much too proud to hitchhike on the Autobahn. Through his police contacts in VIENNA he determined that the license number was registered to a Volkswagen owned by Walter LAUBER. He then sent a TV 4 operative directly to the apartments of both of these people, ostensibly to inquire about a neighbor (we have gently pointed out the dangers incident to this little trick when the person asked is an American living in a Soviet district of VIENNA). The operative thus determined (from the card on the door), that the correct name was Kurt L. POMMER. OPCZANEK reported this whole affair to S KLAUWER as a matter involving HORTTL, and hence of interest, but S KLAUWER did not pass us the reports. When the news release regarding the arrest of POMMER, VERBER, and LAUBER appeared, OPCZANEK checked his files, and forwarded a special report reminding S KLAUWER that two of these people had driven HORTTL to Germany in October 1952. OPCZANEK first heard of VERBER from the news release. The writer considers himself fairly familiar with the POMMER/VERBER case, and is satisfied that this "Incident on the Autobahn" is the total involvement of OPCZANEK in this complex. It may be helpful in assessing ICFLUTTER reactions to the question when put to OPCZANEK, however, to note that:

(1) [] and [] each had a go, at his respective level, at making strong representations over the failure of ZIPFER to report the HORTTL-POMMER tie when it was first noticed, and also over the fact that EV 4 on its own initiative would undertake the investigation of U.S. citizens. OPCZANEK probably felt some repercussions of our criticism, and furthermore may have interpreted our complaint as implying suspicion that he was actually involved with POMMER.

(2) OPCZANEK was advised (presumably by S KLAUWER) that Wilhelm KUCHLAU, the former chief of the Deutsche Feld Polizei, longtime ZIPFERite, and resident of MAD RICHENHALL, where EV 4 has its offices, apparently was closely linked with POMMER, and that KUCHLAU was being interrogated

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in an attempt to determine whether willing cooperation existed. OFCZANEK did not disclose this to [redacted] but I have determined that OFCZANEK knew this before he took the LCTFLUTTER test, so in a sense he withheld information, though only from [redacted] since KNICHAUN's involvement was known to the American Staff.

d. Regarding OFCZANEK's association with Kurt WESSELY, and the sinister implications thereof, we have initiated an investigation with the aim of determining whether anything resembling a security case involving WESSELY exists. Results so far, although decidedly not conclusive, point much more strongly to a "poison pen" campaign than to conscientious reporting of suspected enemy agents. The most recent utilization of WESSELY by OFCZANEK was done in January 1953 through a contact, DR. SEYMOUR HILLERMAN, an editor of the Salzburger Nachrichten, who asked WESSELY to prepare a survey of the Austrian rail transportation system for "a West-German newspaper". I have seen WESSELY's letter to HILLERMAN requesting payment, and it certainly appears that WESSELY believed a newspaper had requested the article; there is no information suggesting WESSELY may have an inkling of the contact between SEYMOUR HILLERMAN and OFCZANEK. In fact, the article was to be used in an "Austrian Hand-book" being prepared for orientation of ZIPPER operatives. The article on railroads, incidentally, was requested by O KUNZE, Chief of ZIPPER PI Staff, not by O KLAUSNER; I believe O KLAUSNER was unaware of OFCZANEK's utilization of WESSELY, and possibly was unaware of the specific project. Beyond this one-shot utilization (about which, be it noted, OFCZANEK himself informed us), we have been unable to prove any other association between them since 1 December 1950, when WESSELY, who formerly held the number V-5393, was dropped. To note, too, that WESSELY formerly worked for OV A through Baron Harry MIST, the well-known swindler fired by OFCZANEK in March 1952, and currently factotum for Willi HORTIL.

e. Regarding the larger question whether Kurt WESSELY is in fact a Hungarian or Eastern IS operative, we are not as yet able to provide a firm answer, but we have uncovered a few items decidedly pertinent:

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(1) All basic reports accusing WESSELY of such affiliation, regardless of the agency submitting them (such reports have been published by GROSCHANN, VOB, CIC LINE, CIC FALSBURG, and by Willi HORTIL - who forwarded copies to CAPOTE) have originated with the same source, GROSCHANN's Dr. Fritz van TONJEL, resident of ALT AUNSEE, home also of Willi HORTIL. The reports have been forwarded by van TONJEL to Anton FELLNER (LINE outlet?), and have also been passed to Anton BOWEN, whose association with HORTIL is a matter of record. HORTIL has furthermore planted these reports with Johann ANGERER, FALSBURG Police official who has intelligence connections to GROSCHANN, CIC FALSBURG, CAPOTE through "CHULE" in MUNICH, HORTIL via Theodor von ALBERT (CAPOTE operative in FALSBURG), and ZIPPER's OV C through Emeric von BOXBURG, that we know of, so accusations against WESSELY are now in Austrian State files as well (or may have found their way there via GROSCHANN years ago).

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(2) Furthermore, most of these reports about WEISKELLY do not confine themselves to accusations of Eastern ties, but rather mention this almost incidentally, stressing, rather, the alleged close connection between WEISKELLY and OFCHARENK. It is safe to say that OFCHARENK is not immensely popular in IC circles in Austria. ROETTL (who once referred to OFCHARENK as "the dumbest intelligence operative in Central Europe") is of course anti-OFCARENK, since OFCHARENK has been a member in good standing of ZIPPER since 1946, while ROETTL has not been able to gain admission to the charmed circle. GROSSMANN's views may be surmised from his departure from ZIPPER long ago, remembering that OFCHARENK was Deputy Chief of OV A under MALLER/DONALD, and hence to some extent GROSSMANN's boss.

(3) Most of the "WEISKELLY Case" centers on the fact that WEISKELLY's wife, Hungarian by birth, returned to Hungary to live with her parents in 1946, when life was indeed very hard in Austria, and when her husband was held PW by British Forces. Following his release, WEISKELLY made numerous representations to the Hungarian Legation in VIENNA, asking that they honor the word given his wife (Austrian citizen by marriage) in 1946 that she would be allowed to leave Hungary whenever she desired. She returned from Hungary legally in 1949. She has also been accused of returning to Hungary on her Hungarian passport in 1950. Insofar as we have been able to determine, she does not have a Hungarian passport, since she is Austrian, but we are checking further. We do know that she was seeking desperately for some means of evacuating her parents from Hungary in 1950 and 1951, in which efforts she was apparently unsuccessful. We are not disregarding the excellent weapon in the hands of the Hungarians represented by continued residence of her parents (if still alive) in BUDAPEST, and we are checking the whole case (which apparently has never been done), but at the moment the charges appear rather ephemeral.

f. The question of association between OFCHARENK and Dr. Kurt KNOLL, Jr. is of somewhat more sinister aspect, since OFCHARENK himself (according to Langhery) states he believes KNOLL, Jr. to have strong Communist sympathies. We are now investigating the "KNOLL, Jr. Case", the basic charge in which is that KNOLL, Jr. is an active Communist, and was elected a Shop Steward on a "unity list" of Communists in the Linger Eisenhandels Gesellschaft, a branch of the LINZ Iron and Steel Works. In fact, KNOLL, Jr. is a member of Bund Sozialistischer Akademiker, a branch of the Austrian Socialist Party. Since 10 March 1953, in any case, he has been in LONDON as deputy chief of the Austrian Travel Bureau there, having taken this job after the liquidation of the Linger Eisenhandels Gesellschaft. File checks have been most unrewarding to date: practically the only trace was a recent report by CIC SALZBURG, a repetition of the charge first reported by GROSSMANN, who obtained it from ANDERER, and we were able to determine without difficulty that CIC SALZBURG also received the report from ANDERER, with the difference that the CIC SALZBURG report had now been embellished, most probably by Willi ROETTL via Theodor von ALBERT, with the statement that "KNOLL, Jr. works for OFCHARENK who works for GENTEN". We are continuing to check on the case, of course, in

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part because KNOLL, Jr.'s new position in LONDON may be serving several ends, and also because his father, (Prof) KURT KNOLL, Sr., is a full-time BV 5 member, and lives in the small house OFCIAREK maintains on Mendocino. OFCIAREK told me he met KNOLL, Jr. on two occasions while visiting his father in this house, but had never accepted information from KNOLL, Jr., nor even indicated interest in comments about Communist activities in LINE which KNOLL, Jr. volunteered. It is to be presumed that KNOLL, Jr. knows what his father does (Austrian press analysis for BV 5/ZIPPER), and that he knows OFCIAREK is in charge of the group for whom his father works, but the probability of active collaboration between KNOLL, Jr. and OFCIAREK would appear to be remote, especially now that KNOLL, Jr. is in LONDON.

5. Considering the storm which broke about MALLINER/DONALD's head in 1951 concerning his private finances, leading ultimately to the "disbanding" of OV A, it is not too surprising to us that OFCIAREK reacts when queried about his own finances. We are bearing this point in mind, however, and hope to gather some idea of his financial status through our continued friendly association with him. (Remembering the UJ-DRAUGH billy-o, we are not too anxious to ride madly off checking bank accounts.)

6. I subscribe in general to [] estimate of OFCIAREK, contained in para. 6 of first reference. I particularly concur with the statement that OFCIAREK has a tendency to brag about his exploits, and he does indeed give a continuing impression of naivete. It is possible that this estimate somewhat disposes me to regard him as incapable of playing a double game. But I do incline, at the present stage of investigation, to the view that sinister activities by OFCIAREK are not very likely. The most likely type of double-dealing, if any, would be a clandestine arrangement with Austrian authorities (GHEER-GRONCH-1 et al), who most certainly are aware of his ZIPPER tie and activities, and have not overlooked the fact that OFCIAREK is an Austrian, with wife and child, home in SALZBURG, who crosses the border daily, and who has no official employment. It is noteworthy, however, that we have as yet not the faintest trace of such contact, (which, if it existed, would go far to explain some of his LOFLUTTER reactions), and we are currently toying with the idea that the Austrian authorities are simply monitoring OFCIAREK's activities through some other BV 5 member, or perhaps via HUEYTL.

7. Finally, we have expressed enthusiasm for the idea of assigning OFCIAREK to OV C. This would divert OFCIAREK's activities more fully into the direct support of operations (at present, his specific assignments are rather limited, and his considerable free time is spent "miffing around" in the Austrian scene, inevitably causing us unease, since he may easily cross wires with one or another U.S. operation.) OFCIAREK is certainly well-qualified for the job with OV C, since he speaks Czech and Slovak, knows a little Russian, and served as intelligence officer with the Russian Volunteer Corps during the war: OV C will in all probability concern itself in future almost exclusively with operations into Czechoslovakia and with Soviet personnel in Austria. But such a transfer of OFCIAREK has the further advantage of placing him in a somewhat more accessible position for us, since OV C is subordinate to the PI staff, with a long-established

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present of close German-American staff coordination. In short, our only suggestion at the moment is to watch and wait; our watching, it is true, being somewhat more intent than it had been prior to the LAFJTRAK test.

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